

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer implemented billing method associated with a plurality of billing entities, the method comprising:

providing a single instance of a software controller selectively coupled to data associated with each of the plurality of billing entities; and
executing ~~[[a]] the~~ single instance of ~~a bill presentment and payment application~~ for:

enrolling the plurality of billing entities associated with a customer;

receiving in a computer an electronic billing request from ~~[[a]]~~ the customer without identifying any billing entities;

providing, to the customer, bill summary information for each of the plurality of billing entities;

receiving from the customer requests for detailed billing information for each of the plurality of billing entities;
and

separately retrieving and presenting to the customer detailed billing data associated with each of the plurality of billing entities requested using the single instance of ~~the bill presentment and payment application~~.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) The billing method of claim 1, wherein retrieving and presenting detailed billing data includes:

retrieving detailed billing data associated with each of the plurality of billing entities;

retrieving a customized display template associated with each of the plurality of billing entities;

populating the retrieved customized display templates with the retrieved detailed billing data associated with each of the plurality of billing entities; and

displaying the detailed billing data to the customer via the populated templates.

4. (Previously Presented) The billing method of claim 3, wherein each display template is a hypertext markup language (HTML) template.

5. (Currently Amended) The billing method of claim 3, wherein retrieving detailed billing data includes:

coupling the single instance of the software controller to the data associated with each of the plurality of billing entities using identifying an implementation object associated with each of the plurality of billing entities, wherein the implementation object comprises computer program data and computer program instructions;

invoking the implementation object associated with each of the plurality of billing entities to generate an interface for each of the plurality of billing entities; and

retrieving, by the interfaces, detailed billing data associated with each of the plurality of billing entities.

6-20. (Canceled)

21. (Previously Presented) The computer implemented billing method of claim 1, wherein detailed billing data are directly retrieved from the plurality of billing entities.

22. (Previously Presented) The computer implemented billing method of claim 1, wherein detailed billing data are retrieved from a database maintained by a consolidator server.

23-26. (Canceled)